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By Toby Druin

Editor Emeritus

WAXAHACHIE-Marie Bush has a heart for missions, and it's still beating strong-even after a brush with the law in Dubai, a coastal city on the Persian Gulf. In fact, her experience there and in India more than ever convinced her God is in control and will sustain his people.

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Don't bet on gambling saving the day

A classic battle is about to play out in Austin: Can decency and justice overcome money and greed?

We'll learn more about the answer to that question as lawmakers begin to process the 13 gambling bills filed in this session of the Texas Legislature.

Ironically, some legislators don't seem to know an important truth good parents drill into their children even before they start school: If it sounds too good to be true, it is.



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Evangelicals embrace broad range of social concerns

By Tom Strode

Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

WASHINGTON (BP)—The National Association of Evangelicals has issued a call for a broader approach to public policy issues than conservative Christians have been known for in the past.

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By Kathleen Murphy

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The radio preacher is finding new life in cyberspace.

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Habitat nails down Fuller decision

By Adelle Banks

Religion News Service

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (RNS)-Habitat for Humanity's governing board has unanimously affirmed its decision to fire Millard Fuller, the founder of the house-building organization.

Kim's world is big enough for Baptists_32105

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Kim's world is big enough for Baptists

By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. (ABP)—Korean pastor Billy Kim, president of the Baptist World Alliance, declined to criticize a Southern Baptist plan to bring “like-minded Baptists” together to form an alternative to BWA.

‘Reverse missionary’ turns gospel back toward West_32105

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'Reverse missionary' turns gospel back toward West

By Celeste Kennel-Shank

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—For centuries, Western missionaries have tried to spread the gospel abroad. George Kovoov could be called a reverse missionary, because he is an Indian citizen evangelizing Western countries.

Quilters wait for next stitch in life's pattern_32105

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Mickey
Burleson
helps
young
Jenoveva
Presas,
age 12,
display
her first
quilt.
The girl
had been
orphaned
and was
living in
La
Caldera
with her
aunt,
who
taught
her to
quilt.

Quilters wait for next stitch in life's pattern

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

More than 20 years ago, Mickey Burleson and her husband, Bob, began helping women in an isolated Mexican village improve their quality of life by marketing their handmade quilts to buyers in Texas.

Texas Baptist Forum_32105

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Elm Groves

I noted the Standard's announcement of the 150th anniversary of Elm Grove Baptist Church in Waelder. In 1956, when I was a junior at Trinity University, Elm Grove took a great faith risk and called me as their pastor. For two years, I served them, and my hope would be that every beginning pastor would have an Elm Grove to love him, allow his mistakes and begin him on a positive journey.

We dare not forget the past, appreciate and value it, and know that without the Elm Groves of yesterday, we never would have arrived at today.

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"It was like eating with one of the apostles. We bowed our heads, and Adrian prayed over our paper baskets of fish. I was convinced that when I opened my eyes, the fish would be multiplied all over our table. But that didn't happen."

Jack Graham

Former Southern Baptist Convention president, speaking at retirement festivities for another former SBC president, Adrian Rogers. (Memphis Commercial Appeal/RNS)

"The Seeker that we must serve in our worship services is, first and foremost, God himself. ... Our emphasis should be on content that serves the rhythm of revelation and response, not on pleasing guests with particular musical or stylistic choices. Worship should not be designed to suit unbelievers' tastes; nor should we shape it to suit our own. We are to worship God according to his requirements and for his own sake."

Gary Parrett

Assistant professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, who wrote "9.5 Theses on Worship" (Christianity Today)
"Jesus loves the little children, except the ones that burn CDs."

T-shirt

Created by Merchplaza, a company that is raising awareness of the theft of music, including Christian music, through unauthorized downloading.
(RNS)

On the Move_32105

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On the Move

Nathan Ables to Southcrest Church in Lubbock as youth minister, where he had been youth and university intern.

♦ **Pam Ackley** to First Church in Cleburne as minister of Christian growth.

♦ **Hollie Atkinson** has completed an in-tentional interim pastorate at First Church in Daingerfield. He is available for supply.

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Scene from the movie "The Passion of the Christ."
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'The Passion of the Christ' could become annual Easter event

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-Easter is that time of year that conjures up images of bunny rabbits, Easter bonnets, jelly beans-and Mel Gibson?

Complexities of life point quartet to grace_32105

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Complexities of life point quartet to grace

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Baptist Standard

A lot has changed for Point of Grace since four young women started singing together 14 years ago at an Arkansas Baptist university.